NUMB. VIII.

The GUARDIAN.

—— Animum rege—— Hor.

Friday, March 20. 1713.

A Guardian cannot bellow his time in any Office more ſuitable to his Character, than in repreſenting the Diſaſters to which we are expoſed by the Irregularity of our Paſſions. I think I ſpeak of this matter in a way not yet taken notice of, when I obſerve that they make Men do things unworthy of thoſe very Paſſions. I ſhall illuſtrate this by a Story I have lately read in the *Royal Commentaries of Peru*, wherein you behold an Oppreſſor for a moſt contemptible Creature after his Power is at an end; and a Perſon he oppreſſed wholly intent upon Revenge till he had obtained it, during the purſuit of it he utterly neglected his own Safety; but when that Motive of Revenge was at an end, returned to a Senſe of Danger, in ſuch a manner, as to be unable to lay hold of Occaſions which offered themſelves for certain Security, and expoſe himſelf from Fear to apparent Hazard. The Motives which I ſpeak of are not indeed ſo much to be called Paſſions, as ill Habits ariſing from Paſſions, ſuch as Pride and Revenge, which are Improvements of our Infirmities, and are methinks but Scorn and Anger regularly conducted: But to my Story.

Licenciado Eſquivel, Governor of the City *Potoſi*, commanded 200 Men to march out of that Garriſon towards the Kingdom of *Tucuman*, with ſtrict Orders to uſe no *Indians* in carrying their Baggage, and placed himſelf at a convenient Station, without the Gates, to obſerve how his Orders were put in Execution; he found they were wholly neglected, and that *Indians* were laden with the Baggage of the *Spaniards*, but thought fit to let them march by till the laſt Rank of all came up, out of which he ſeized one Man, called *Aguire*, who had two *Indians* laden with his Goods: Within few Days after he was taken in Arreſt, he was ſentenced to receive 200 Stripes. *Aguire* repreſented by his Friends, that he was the Brother of a Gentleman, who had in his Country an Eſtate, with Vaſſalage of *Indians*, and hoped his Birth would exempt him from a Puniſhment of ſo much Indignity. *Licenciado* perſiſted in the Kind of Puniſhment he had already pronounced; upon which *Aguire* petitioned that it might be altered to one which he ſhould not ſurvive; and, though a Gentleman, and from that Quality not liable to ſuffer ſo ignominious a Death, humbly beſought his Excellency that he might be hanged. But though *Licenciado* appeared all his Life, before he came into Power, a Perſon of an eaſie and tractable Diſpoſition, he was ſo changed by his Office, that theſe Applications from the unfortunate *Aguire* did but the more gratifie his Inſolence; and, during the very time of their Mediation for the Priſoner, he inſulted them alſo, by commanding, with a haughty Tone, that his Orders ſhould be executed that very Inſtant. This, as it is uſual on ſuch Occaſions, made the whole Town flock together; but the principal Inhabitants, abhorring the Severity of *Licenciado*, and pitying a Gentleman in the Condition of *Aguire*, went in a Body, and beſought the Governor to ſuſpend, if not remit the Puniſhment. Their Importunities prevailed on him to defer the Execution for eight Days; but when they came to the Priſon with his Warrant, they found *Aguire* already brought forth, ſtripped, and mounted on an Aſs, which is the Poſture wherein the baſeſt Criminals are whipped in that City. His Friends cryed out, Take him off, take him off, and proclaimed their Order for ſuſpending his Puniſhment; but the Youth, when he heard that it was only put off for eight Days, rejected the Favour, and ſaid, *All my Endeavours have been to keep my ſelf from undergoing this Beaſt, and from the Shame of being ſeen naked; but ſince things are come thus far, let the Sentence proceed, which will be leſs than the Fears and Apprehenſions I ſhall have in theſe eight Days enſuing, beſides I ſhall not need to give farther trouble to my Friends for Interceſſion in my behalf, which is likely to be as ineffectual as what hath already paſſed.* After he had ſaid this, the Aſs was whipped forward, and *Aguire* ran the Gantlet according to the Sentence. The calm Manner with which he reſigned himſelf, when he found his Diſgrace muſt be, and the Scorn of dallying with it, under a Suſpenſion of a few Days, which Mercy was but another form of the Governor's Cruelty, made it viſible that he took Comfort in ſome ſecret Reſolution to avenge the Affront.

After this Indignity *Aguire* could not be perſuaded (tho' the Inhabitants of *Potoſi* often importuned him from the Spirit they ſaw in him) to go upon any Military Undertaking, but excuſed himſelf with a modeſt Sadneſs in his Countenance, ſaying, *That after ſuch a Shame as his was, Death muſt be his only Remedy and Conſolation, which he would endeavour to obtain as ſoon as poſſible.*

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Under this Melancholy he remained in *Peru*, until the time in which the Office of *Eſquivel* expired; after which, like a deſperate Man, he purſued and followed him, watching an Opportunity to kill him, and wipe off the Shame of the late Affront. *Eſquivel*, being informed of this deſperate Reſolution by his Friends, endeavoured to avoid his Enemy, and took a Journey of three or four hundred Leagues from him, ſuppoſing that *Aguire* would not purſue him at ſuch a Diſtance; but *Eſquivel*'s flight did but encreaſe *Aguire*'s ſpeed in following. The firſt Journey which *Eſquivel* took was to the City of *Los Reyes*, being three hundred and twenty Leagues diſtant; but in leſs than fifteen Days *Aguire* was there with him: Whereupon *Eſquivel* took another Flight, as far as to the City of *Quito*, being four hundred Leagues diſtant from *Los Reyes*, but in a little more than twenty Days *Aguire* was again with him; which being intimated to *Eſquivel*, he took another Leap as far as *Cozco*, which is five hundred Leagues from *Quito*; but in a few Days after he arrived there, came alſo *Aguire*, travelling all the Way on Foot, without Shoes or Stockins, ſaying, That it became not the Condition of a whipt Raſcal to travel on Horſeback, or appear amongſt Men. In this manner did *Aguire* haunt and purſue *Eſquivel* for three Years and four Months; who, being now tired and wearied with ſo many long and tedious Journies, reſolved to fix his Abode at *Cozco*, where he believed that *Aguire* would ſcarce adventure to attempt any thing againſt him, for fear of the Judge who governed that City, who was a ſevere Man, impartial and inflexible in all his Proceedings; and accordingly took a Lodging in the middle of the Street of the great Church, where he lived with great care and caution, wearing a Coat of Mail under his upper Coat, and went always armed with his Sword and Dagger, which are Weapons not agreeable to his Profeſſion. However *Aguire* followed hither alſo, and having in vain dogged him from Place to Place Day after Day, he reſolved to make the Attempt upon him in his own Houſe, which he entred, and wandered from Room to Room, till at laſt he came into his Study, where *Licenciado* lay on a Couch aſleep. *Aguire* ſtabbed him with his Dagger with great Tranquillity, and very leiſurely wounded him in other Parts of the Body, which were not covered by his Coat of Mail. He went out of the Houſe in Safety; but as his Reſentment was ſated, he now began to reflect upon the inexorable Temper of the Governor of the Place. Under this Apprehenſion he had not Compoſure enough to fly to a Sanctuary, which was near the Place where he committed the Fact; but ran into the Street, frantick and diſtracted, proclaiming himſelf a Criminal, by crying out, Hide me, Hide me.

The wretched Fate and poor Behaviour of *Licenciado*, in flying his Country to avoid the ſame Perſon whom he had before treated with ſo much Inſolence, and the high Reſentment of a Man ſo inconſiderable as *Aguire*, when much injured, are good Admonitions to little Spirits in exalted Stations, to take Care how they treat brave Men in low Condition.

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